The Service of Celebration

OF

Supervisor Emeritus

Mother Imola Delores York



11:00 am

Glad Tidings Church Of God In Christ

27689 Tyrrell Avenue, Hayward, CA 94544

Chief Officiant

Bishop J. W. Macklin

2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop

Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

Sunrise, November 29, 1929 **Sunset, April 25, 2014**

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Two Thousand - Fourteen

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"Let her own works praise her in the gates.." Prov 31:31

Scroll of Life

Mother Imola Delores York

Mother York was born in Oklahoma, one of five siblings. She was preceded in death by her entire immediate family linage. She was the last in the parental status for all the off-spring of her late family members. She has been happily married to Elder Ernest York, for 39 years. She is the mother of one daughter, Barbara (Bobbie); three granddaughters: Laree (deceased), Jeanine, & Jacqueline; 1 great grand-daughter Zipporha, one son-in-law, Deacon Bill Gibson, one grand son-in-law, Bishop Johnathan Tate, and a host of nieces and nephews. A detachment of eight foster daughters, Ressie, Carolyn, Joyce, Brenda, Linda, April, (Earline & Sharon both deceased); Two foster sons, Lamar Brown (Bishop Israel Marrone), & James Taylor, and a small host of foster grandchildren.

Elder Ernest York, her faithful husband is acknowledged with much admiration and appreciation by the whole family, for his exceptional, faithful compassionate, commitment to her, her work and companionship to the very last. It was indeed exemplary of, "until do death do us part. "

Mother York Served as Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women for California North Central Jurisdiction, had three personal Adjutants, Cynthia Dunn, Debra Taylor, and Verga Merrida. They served her well. She began her tenure as matriarchal support to many others as early as 1955, all of which have identified with and attached themselves to her personally. All have adhered to her unique methods in teaching and training, to which, even today, they are devoted, and practice, in their own efforts, to redeem the lost, and in leading others in study, for acquisition of knowledge, and spiritual understanding and for the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Also, in the recognition, development and training of their personal gifts and talents, for furtherance of their spiritual maturation, and ultimately, the perseverance and perpetuation of the foundation of this Grand 'Ole Church of God in Christ.

Her testimony was, (said in triumphant proclamation) "I am Saved, Sanctified, and Filled with the Holv Ghost and that with fire, for more than 55 years, and that she was .. "capable and available," in her role as, "Servant for the Lord'~ Her slogan was, ''It's time to stick and stay, "and her favorite scripture'- 1Corinthians15:58 (KJV) 58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Mother Imola York acknowledged God as her personal savior in 1954, under the leadership of the late Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Reverend H.A. Green, in Bakersfield, CA. Not being satisfied with just a ''Born Again," experience, she began seeking the Lord for the more in-depth experience of the ''Holy Ghost "

In 1955, she was filled with the Holy Ghost ... at the Heavenly Gate Church of God in Christ, in Bakersfield, CA where she served under the leadership of Pastor D.A. Kelly, and District Superintendent's Elder Horace Douglas and Elder N. Duffey, subsequently she served under the late Jurisdictional Bishop's ... E.B Steward, G. R. Ross, and M. J. Clifton, and under the present Prelate of California North Central Jurisdiction, Bishop Donald R. Murray. Her last tenure of duty has been under Bishop J. W. Macklin of California Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Mother York was nurtured in her early teaching and training in the Bible Band, Sunday school, Home and Foreign Mission and the Young People Willing Workers. Her early ministry began as the Pastor's Aide President, at her local church, which was her choice, because of her love for the role of "church Pastors." Her work then extended to the Department of Women's auxiliaries, bands and units, where she also was elevated to Departmental Administrative Assistant.

She was blessed with the privilege to have had her beginnings in, the Church of God in Christ, under many great Pillars of the faith, and most currently, Supervisor Mother Fayrene Lee, and the present Jurisdictional Supervisor of

NOR CAL METROPOLITAN JURISDICTION

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT TRIBUTES

DISTRICT MISSIONARY UNIT..... Missionary Lonnie Barker

JURISDICTIONAL SUPERVISOR ..... Mother Plumie Dancey

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC .....Jurisdictional Choir

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS..... Missionary G. Rogers

THE READING OF THE SCROLL OF LIFE .....(Read Silently)

THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT TRIBUTES

Area Supervisors..... Supervisor Farine Lee
California North Central

Intl. Women's Convention .....Sister Angie Rivers
Public Relations Director

Mother Willie Mae Rivers
General Supervisor – Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Represented by:
Mother Barbra McCoo Lewis
Assistant General Supervisor

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC ..... Memorial Choir

THE JURISDICTIONAL TRIBUTES

Pastors and Superintendents ..... Supt. M. Clifton

Nor Cal Jurisdiction .....Admin. Asst. J. Simpkins

National Adjutancy ..... Supervisor Dianne Bogan
Assistant Secretary, Adjutant Mother

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE EULOGIST ..... Bishop D. A. Murray
Prelate, CA. North Central

THE SERMONIC SELECTION

THE EULOGY.....Bishop J. W. Macklin
2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop
Prelate, Nor Cal Metropolitan

THE RECESSIONAL

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE BIBLE

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible written Word of God.

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN GOD

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR BELIEF IN THE CHURCH

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE in the blessed hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ at His return.

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SIN

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and being baptized in water.

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SALVATION

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR BELIEF IN THE HOLY GHOST

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.

THE LEADER WE AFFIRM OUR BELIEF CONCERNING SALVATION

THE CONGREGATION WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose Indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Holy and separated life in this present world.

AMEN

california Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, Mother Plumie Dancey. In finality she worked under the leadership of the late International Supervisor, Mother Mattie McGlothen, and the present International Supervisor of Women, Mother Willie Mae Rivers.

Mother York's outreach ministry began as a door-to-door witness, volunteering in rescue missions, jails, hospitals, and juvenile halls; working in foster care 23 years, serving underprivileged families with children in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties with the US Marine Corps. She is unparalleled as a scriptural/spiritual educator, and soul-winner. In the national work, Mother York worked in the General Secretary's Office over 25 years, National Adjutant over 20 years, and she served as Adjutant Mother ... Area Platform Ministry, her latest responsibility was the International Women Convention Administrative Officer, assigned to Musical ticket accountability, and various other duties as deemed necessary. Her work, and tracking has been inspirational, motivational, and productive. Many souls were saved, and many remain. She was always cognizant of her role as a woman, and as a promoter of women as the help-meet of a man. She loved her church and jurisdiction, and willingly under girded her leader's visions.

She has received numerous awards from the City of Oakland, Alameda County, and the State of California for volunteer services, and contributions in Community Outreach Ministry, including the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve (Semper Fide/is) with the Toys for Tots program, as toy distribution coordinator, for 23 years. She was the coordinator for Spiritual Development and Bible Studies at Last Phase Foundation, "Transition Drug Recovery Program," in Oakland, and an awarded Senior Citizens Graduate from Chabot Community College (2006). She was the Director of Education for the CNC Jurisdiction Department of Women, and was elevated to Jurisdictional Supervisor for the same.

She has also been blessed with special awards from the, International Church of God in Christ, in appreciation for outstanding achievements in service in the following:

Public Relations

Department of Women (varied works)

Office of the General Secretary (miscellaneous posts)

Registration Head Cashier, 30 years

Int'I. Dept. of Women Musical Ticket Sales Coordinator

National Adjutancy (executive seating/floor protocol ministry) 15 years

Currently the National Adjutant Mother

Awarded in the Adjutancy for Achievement in Leadership/Motivational skills

Mother York traveled to Europe to share in the celebration of 10th year appointment of her friend, Supervisor Stella Watson in Germany, and was honored by Bishop Carlis Moody of the National and International Missions Department.

Mother York is the author of four booklets:

1. Debatable Things
2. National Adjutancy Floor Protocol Ministry
3. Department of Womens Auxiliary Handbook (in Brevity)
4. Holy Communion (in Brevity)

Also, to her credit as an author is a Training Guide, entitled ***"Revival of the Original '5' Auxiliaries,"*** posted for "fingertip referral" in current development, enhancement, and promotion, of CNC Jurisdiction Church of God in Christ, Department of Women auxiliaries.

She was an affiliate of many churches in the Church Of God In Christ order, but was recently, in faithful membership at Dancey Memorial Church of God in Christ, Oakland, CA Pastor, Superintendent Joe Nobles, & 1st. Lady Missionary Joetta Nobles. Mother York also, exhibited incomparable service as a committed member/follower/supporter of CA Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Church Of God In Christ, Bishop J. W Mackin, Presiding Prelate, and the 2nd. Assistant to the current Prelate of the International Church of God in Christ, Bishop Charles E. Blake. She was a good example.

Now, "Her soul finally, rests in peace from all her fruit fruitful and victorious, labor in the Lord."

The Order of Celebration

Bishop J.W. Macklin, Officiating

THE MUSICAL PRELUDE

THE OPENING .....Supt. Joe Nobles
Master of Ceremonies

The hour of Homegoing Celebration has come, O Lord,
hear our prayers and accept our meditation as we glorify thy name. Amen

THE PROCESSIONAL

The Jurisdictional Bishop
The Administrative Assistants
District Superintendents
Pastors
Elders
The York Family

THE FAREWELL SALUTE..... Mother Willie Mae Rivers
General Supervisor – Church of God in Christ, Inc.

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE..... ***"Amazing Grace"*** .....Congregation

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Supt. Milton Starks

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE..... ***Proverbs 31:10, 25-31***.....Supt. Jerome Harris

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE..... ***Titus 2:1-5, 7 & 8*** ..... Pastor Leon Swindell

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Dr. George Murray

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC ..... ***"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"***.....Congregation

THE EXPRESSIONS OF REMEMBRANCE

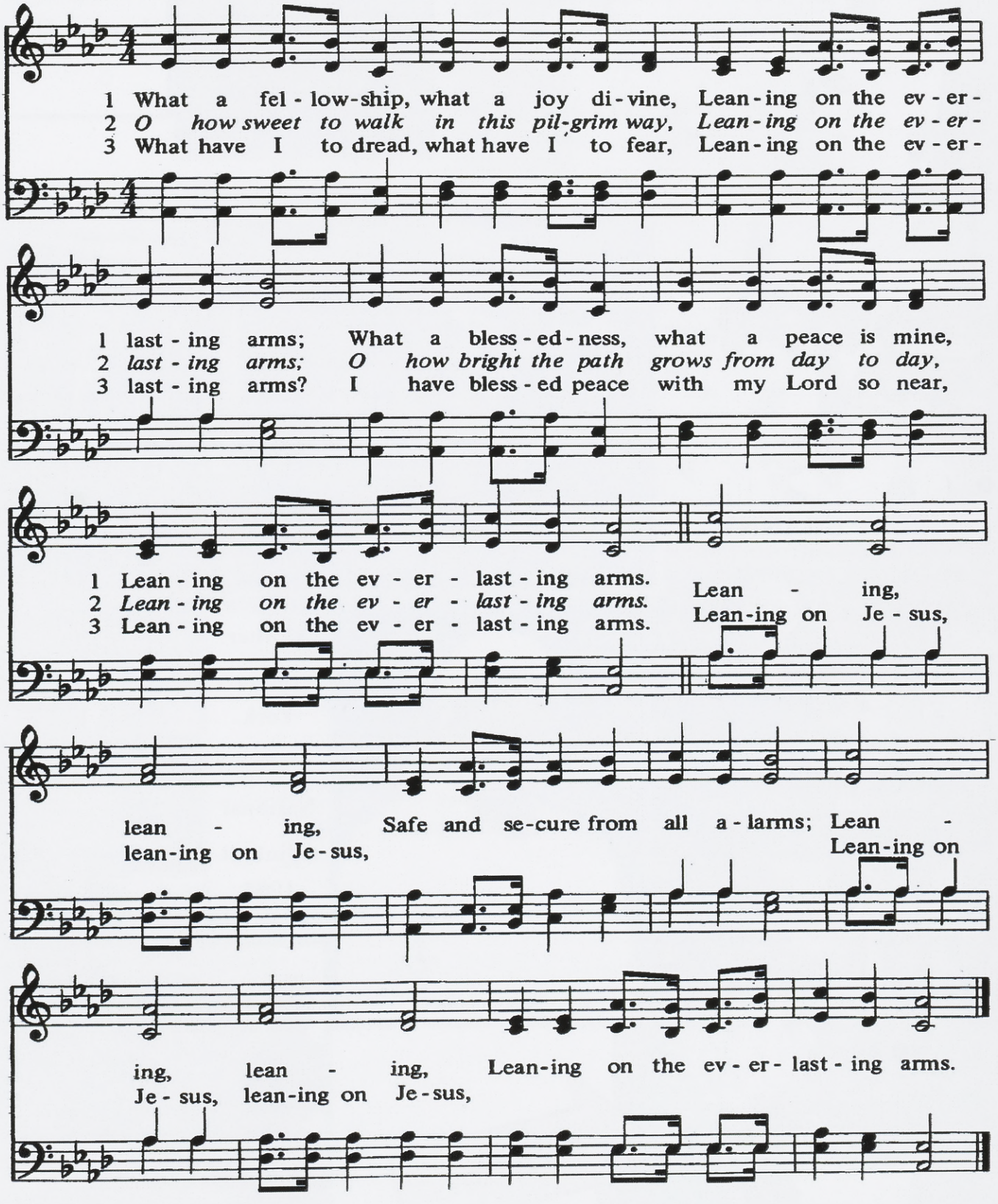
Ms. M. Jeanine Tates..... Family

First Lady Joetta Nobles.....Dancey Memorial Church

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The eternal God is our refuge and underneathe are the everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman — Anthony J. Showalter







Dearest
Friend
Mother
Lorene Davis



BUSY GRANNY



CHABOT COLLEGE, 2006



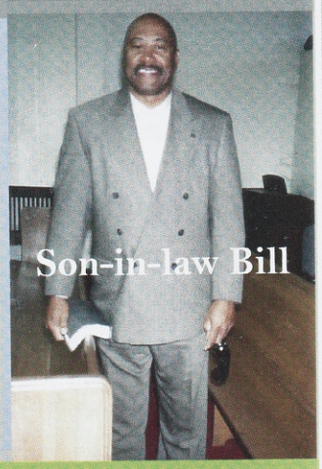


Jonathan/JeanineTate



Mother
Imola
York

National
Adjutant
1993



Son-in-law Bill



COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

TOYS 4 TOTS



Zipporha
Great grand

Jackiy

Honorary Flower Bearers

Supervisors and National Workers of the International Women's Department

Active Flower Bearers

District Missionaries, Jurisdictional Workers & Pastors Wives
the Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction

Honorary Pallbearers

Administrative Assistants
District Superintendent Pastors
of the Nor Cal Jurisdiction

Active Pallbearers

Elder Robert London *Elder James Dyas* *Elder Michael Stephens*
Deacon Fred Nelson *Deacon Charles Merritt* *Brother Robert Collier*
Brother Kenneth York *Brother Arthur York*

Acknowledgement

The Family of Mother Imola York is appreciative to all of you who have cared and shared with us throughout this special transitional process. Thank you and may God continue to bless you.



Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Dr, Richmond, CA 94803

Final Arrangements Entrusted to

C.P. Bannon Mortuary
6800 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94621